

# Montreal Canadiens Overpower Leafs 3-1

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## SPORTING NEWS

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### Intercollegiate Hockey Champions Honored By Alumni Association

In recognition of their capturing of the Maritime Intercollegiate hockey title this year, a feat that is considered as the most outstanding one of the local hockey season, Coach Jackie Kane and his S.D.U. team last night were guests of the S.D.U. Alumni Association at a dinner and dance held at the Charlottetown Hotel during the course of which members of the team, Coach Kane, managers Rev. Geo. McDonald and Robert Carmichael and trainer Frank McIntyre were presented with recognition lighters as a mark of appreciation for the team's winning effort in bringing to the province for the first time the intercollegiate crown.

The altogether enjoyable affair was presided over by Mr. Pictou McCormac, vice president of the Alumni Association. Included in those seated at the head table were His Excellency Bishop James Boyle, His Honour Lieutenant Governor J. A. Bernard and Mrs. Bernard, His Worship Mayor B. Earle McDonald and Mrs. McDonald, and Mr. S. F. Doyle, president of the City Hockey League.

Presentations of the lighters was made by His Honour Governor Bernard. Speakers included in addition to Chairman McCormac, Bishop Boyle, Lieut. Governor Bernard, Mayor McDonald, Rev. R. V. McKenzie, rector of the University and Mr. S. F. Doyle, all congratulating the team in the success they had attained during the season and all stressing the importance of intercollegiate play in the life of the institution.

Speaking on behalf of the squad Captain Carl McDonald replied to the presentations in a fitting manner. Following the dinner an enjoyable dance was held with music being supplied by Les Alexander's orchestra.

### Apps Mentioned For Post As Commissioner

TORONTO, April 17.—The possibility arose today that Sylvanus Apps, captain of the St. Lawrence Canadiens, may be named as provincial athletic commissioner by the Ontario Government. First suggestion of this new title for the 32-year-old native of Paris, Ont., came from Montreal where managing director Conny Smythe dropped a hint that Apps' name has been under consideration for the post set up under legislation passed by the Ontario Legislature at its last session.

There was no official comment from government circles on the report, but political sources said it would be no surprise if the McMaster University graduate who was a point-winner for Canada in the pole-vaulting event at the 1906 Olympic games ranked high among the possibilities. Apps, who is a sports figure, his reputation for clean play and fairness and his integrity. Some recalled that in the 1946 federal election he was a National Government Conservative, candidate in Brantford where he lost out by the narrow margin of 101 votes.

Mention of Apps for the commissioner's job came amid speculation as to whether he would accept this season his last in the National Hockey League. He said at the start of the season he planned to retire this year. But since then he could leave the decision up to Smythe.

### Baseball Notes

NEW YORK, April 17.—(AP)—Collecting three of their six hits in the eighth inning and taking advantage of an error, New York Yankees scored two runs to come from behind and nip Philadelphia Athletics 2-1 today. Floyd Bevens went the route for the Yankees limiting the A's to three hits.

BOSTON, April 17.—(AP)—Scoring three runs in the second inning, Boston Red Sox today defeated Washington Senators 4-1 for their second straight victory of the new American League season.

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### In This Corner

Winding up their City League season in an auspicious manner Navy basketball team Wednesday night delighted the hearts of their followers when they came through with their second straight victory over the Saints to capture the league title and leave no doubt in the minds of their supporters as to their strength.

Wednesday night they got away to another fast start and once they had zoomed into a double figure lead the handwriting was on the wall for the defending champions. Saints gave everything they had in an effort to stem the tide and went out like true champions, but they just couldn't seem to match the sharp-shooting ability of the Tars who consistently throughout the series have been the scoring range with timely baskets that have offset the comeback attempts of the S. D. U. crew.

Wednesday's game was one of the hardest fought of the entire season. Keen rivalry existed between the two hoop squads all season long and in their final meeting fireworks were threatening all through the encounter. Said fireworks did break out momentarily in the second half when a couple of well meaning but harmless punches were thrown but banishment from the game of a player from each squad had a very decided cooling effect on the remaining participants.

But although the series was hard fought, sportsmanship prevailed at all times. Midway through the second half when the Navy player was banished it left the Tars with but four men left to play. It looked to be a big break for the Saints but Coach Rev. Walter McGuigan of the Saints did not hesitate a second to permit the Navy to secure the services of a Navy player who wasn't in uniform for the game.

That addition of the fifth man meant the game and possibly the title as he did not hesitate a second to permit the Navy to secure the services of a Navy player who wasn't in uniform for the game.

Now with the City League title tucked away it is rumored that the Navy team may meet Moncton C. Y. O. title. Losers of the exhibition game at the New Brunswick arena the local squad would like nothing better than to get a crack at the two-province title and are already negotiating for either a sudden-death game here or a series of games.

Moncton however are at present engaged in a series with an Upper Canadian team in Eastern Canada played last night with the second scheduled for tonight, and until the outcome of the games are decided no definite word can be had from the Monctonians.

Judging by the performance of the localists at the exhibition game we presume the Monctonians were at full strength—if they, if the game materializes should prove plenty bothersome to the C. Y. O. squad. The City League here, as quiet before, has been producing a far better brand of basketball than most fans give it credit for and should the Navy be able to take the C. Y. O.'s measure it would certainly provide much needed impetus to local basketball activities when next season rolls around.

They honored Aurel Jollat at the Montreal Forum last night in a fitting manner when he received a fitting memento from hockey's Hall of Fame, received a present from his old club and was presented with a nurse of money as another tangible recognition of his deeds when performing in Canadians' livery.

Speaking on the presentation Baz O'Meara says: "The years between Jollat's retirement from hockey up to now have been none too kind to little 'Quiet'. He has suffered much from bad health. So his friends and admirers are going to show in a practical way their affection for him and his little black cap. His hobnobbing dashes for the puck, his famous shuttle plays with which he hoodwinked so many goals.

"For here was a player for whom quite a few in action last night couldn't have carried a stick. We give this to no spirit of discomfiment, because as the present series wanes to its close the minor league element in it has reached a stature of importance out of proportion to their usually recognized ability.

### Montreal Royals In Eastern Allan Cup Finals Second Year

SHERBROOKE, Que., April 17.—(CP)—Montreal Royals advanced to the Eastern Canada Allan Cup finals against Hamilton Tigers for the second straight year here tonight when paced by fleet winger Jacques Lacombe who notched three goals they walloped the Sherbrooke St. Francis 6-0 to capture their best-of-five Eastern semi-final series 3-1 in games.

Royals, showing their true razzle-dazzle form, had the provincial hockey league champions outclassed in all departments with agile Gerry McNeil running true to form in the Montreal cage.

A close checking opening period saw the first and only goal of the stanza scored at 2:10 when Tod Campeau beat goalie Hal Batefoot in the Sherbrooke nets after taking a relay from Gerry Plamondon.

Locas started his rampage early in the second frame as he fed diminutive Pete Morin a pass and saw the red light flash at 2:15 to give the visitors a 2-0 lead. At 2:57 Locas banged home the third Montreal tally with Ernie Laforce and Denis Casavant earning assists.

The speedy winger rammed in two more tallies in the third period to hoist Royals into a commanding 5-0 lead. At 4:20 he beat Batefoot unassisted. Then at 18:30 he grabbed a pass from Doug Harvey, feinted through the Sherbrooke defence and blanked the disc behind a bewildered St. Francis goalie.

Casey finished up. Hank Greenberg's first National League home run, plus six unearned tallies on shortstop Len Merullo's two errors in the seventh swept Pittsburgh Pirates to a 7-1 victory over Chicago Cubs before 9,749 fans at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

Elwin (Preacher) Roe hurled hitless ball for 6 2-3 innings and then was touched for five hits by the Cubs, whose only marker came on Andy Pafko's double and Bill Nicholson's single in the ninth inning.

Greenberg slammed Hank Wyse's first pitch into the left field bleachers in the second. The big former Detroit first sacker belted 44 homers to lead the American League last season.

Philadelphia Phillies spoiled the debut of rookie righthander Bill Ayers of New York Giants by hammering him for six runs in the fourth inning and going on to defeat the Giants 11-5.

Trotting 4-0 going into the fourth, the Phils sailed into Ayers for six hits with Skeeter Newsome climaxing the rally by doubling home the last three runs.

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### Montreal Wins As International League Resumes

(Canadian Press)  
Montreal Royals picked right up where they left off last season as the International League took the lid off for 1947 yesterday.

Last year's pennant winners and Little World Series champions came from behind in the closing innings to edge Syracuse Chiefs 11-10 before 8,850 Syracuse fans.

After spotting the Royals four runs in the first inning, the Chiefs came back to take a 4-0 lead, but the Royals finally got to reliever Hal Erickson and tied it at 10-10 in the eighth. Lou Weajung led home the winning run in the ninth after Bud Beiber yielded a hit and a walk in that frame.

Neither starter finished the first inning and the victory went to Leroy Pound, fourth of five Montreal hurlers. The Royal pitchers helped the home team's attack by issuing 12 passes.

Mayor Frank Hague, who had a Washington appointment with President Harry Truman, wasn't on hand to see it and it was too bad because his Jersey City Little Giants put on a real show before a paid attendance of 52,538 fans in Roosevelt Stadium as they slugged out a 11-5 victory over Buffalo Bisons in their opener.

Actually 37,281 brushed their way past the turnstiles to watch the rejuvenated Jerseys walloped four Buffalo pitchers for 13 hits that included home runs by Red Sinram and Jack Graham. Manager Paul Richards and Ante Moore homered for the Bisons.

Jack Wade, veteran left hander, went the route for the Little Giants yielding eight hits. Les Mueller, first of Buffalo's four hurlers and victim of a six-run first inning by the Little Giants was charged with the defeat.

With a home run by Joe Collins opening the spring and Cy Clark's three-run circuit clout serving as the finale, Newark Bears shelled three Rochester pitchers for 13 hits to spring from the parlor with a 11-5 triumph before 13,775 home fans.

Herb Karpel, the Bears top winter last year, had a four-hitter going into the ninth when he ran into a hail of base knocks plus two damaging errors by his mates to yield four runs.

### Biggest Trout Reported To Date

The largest fish reported after the opening day's fishing was over Wednesday was a four pound, two ounce speckled beauty caught by Sgt. Ldr. Clarence W. Higgins of Charlottetown.

From Montague came a report that Stewart Sorrey landed a three-pounder.

### N.B. - P.E.I. Golf Tourny June 30

SAINT JOHN, N. B., April 17.—(CP)—The 14th annual tournament of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Golf Association will be played on the links of the Algonquin Golf Club at St. Andrews, N.B., on June 30, July 1 and July 2. It was announced tonight.

The meet will decide amateur, open and senior championships in addition to divisional and team competitions.

### Hank Greenberg Hits First Homerun

CHICAGO, April 17.—(AP)—Hank Greenberg today registered his first home run of the season—the first of his National League career—when he smashed the first ball pitched in the second inning over the left field wall of Chicago. Hank Wyse was on the mound for Chicago.

### Rifle Shoot

Wednesday night's scores at the Amories are listed below. Next shoot will be held Wednesday, April 22nd, at 7 p. m.

R. E. Jenkins	99
E. A. Smith	97
Jack McRea	97
Percy Hooper	96
Raymond Andrew	94
Art Jardine	91
Ernest McCabe	91
Geo. McLeman	91
Fred Younker	88
Kelsey Burhoe	88
George Cook	85
Stewart Crawford	85

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### Canucks Make Strong Showing After Three Losses To Maple Leafs

MONTREAL, April 17.—(CP)—The defending champion Montreal Canadiens came off the deck after three straight knockdowns to over-power Toronto Maple Leafs 3-1 here tonight in a fast and cleanly fought game before 12,898 fans as Maurice (The Rocket) Richard sniped a pair of goals and played a sparkling game.

That win, after three defeats in a row at the hands of the young and husky Leafs, left Canadiens still one game down—with two wins against Leafs' three—in the best-of-seven battle for the Stanley Cup Canucks won last year.

The teams moved back to Toronto for the sixth game Saturday night and if Canadiens can win that they come back here for the fatal seventh next Tuesday.

Leo Gravelle, tow-headed rookie from last year's Montreal Royals seniors scored Canadiens' other goal as the flying band of Frenchmen and Irishmen outfooted through most of the piece to make "Aurel game Night" an unmistakable success.

Jollat, scrappy little left winger of the old time Canadiens, was formally welcomed into hockey's Hall of Fame and showered with gifts before the game.

Bud Poile, Leafs young centre who was called back into action after veteran Nick Metz was injured in the first game here, spotted Bill Durnan's goose egg with Leafs only goal in the third after Canadiens had built up a 3-0 lead.

Canadiens were flying at full speed tonight after their dismal showings in the second and third games and their hard overtime loss in the fourth game Tuesday night.

Richard, the closely-checked, right wing flash who missed the third game through a suspension for slashing two Leafs players and played indifferently in the fourth game, hit on all cylinders and paid off with his two brilliant goal-scoring swoops. On other forays he was dangerously close too.

Only eight penalties were handed out—five in the first period—after the first game here, a tight referee and the players kept sticks and claws at respectable heights.

Toe Blake, old man river himself collected assists on both Richard's goals and played the string with as much pep as some of the youngsters.

Burley defenceman Butch Bouchard, who played with 16 stitches in the back of his leg from the previous game, helped set up Richard's first goal and centre Buddy O'Connor was in on the other, a smart effort that came after Canadiens staged a razzle-dazzle passing attack while Jimmy Thomson was serving a penalty in the second.

Roger Leger, rookie defenceman who was the American hockey team's most valuable player two years in a row before joining Leafs, passed from near the blue line to set up "Gazelle" Gravelle's picture goal.

Gaye Stewart, who played a brilliant game for Leafs and accounted for a good share of the 25 saves in the first game, helped set up Poile's breakaway goal at the ice.

Canadian flat-footed at caught. Both Durnan and Broda, who stopped 21 shots, were brilliant in the hard fought game.

Summary: First Period  
1—Montreal, Richard (Blake, Bouchard) 1-23  
2—Montreal, Gravelle (Leger) 1-28  
Penalties: Stewart, Bouchard, Boesch, Reay, Thomson.  
Second Period  
3—Montreal, Richard (O'Connor, Blake) 19-32  
Penalties: Thomson (2) Bouchard.  
Third Period  
4—Toronto, Poile (Stewart) 13-37  
Penalty: Peters.

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E. Callaghan	76	97	101
C. LeClair	81	78	121
M. MacKenzie	82	82	79
G. Cudmore	98	89	93
Total—1380.			
Clutching Hands—			
J. Connors	96	83	87
I. Connors	103	126	83
E. Wood	86	74	116
G. Tulle	77	91	76
G. Francis	105	83	88
Total—1376.			
High single I. Connors 126.			
High three I. Connors 312.			
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Clutching Hands 3; Blitz 2.			
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